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Memorandum

To: Agency CIO's/CFO's
From: George Bakolia/David McCoy
Subject: Project to Implement IT Consolidation Pilot Project

In July 2004, Senate Bill 991 established a new direction for the management of information technology systems and gave significant responsibility to the State CIO and the Office of State Budget and Management to implement this new direction. A key component of the legislation encourages the consolidation of IT infrastructure, staffing and expenditures where a statewide approach will be more economical, modern, and secure.

After a review of the agency submissions, industry best practices and approaches taken in other states, we are ready to begin North Carolina's consolidation efforts.

Unlike some states, North Carolina will take a measured, phased approach. The first phase will be a pilot project involving the Governor's Office, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, the Office of State Budget and Management, the Department of Administration and the Office of State Personnel. The project plan includes consolidation of the network, security, data center operations and desktop/LAN services where appropriate by the end of July, 2006. An evaluation will be conducted at the end of the pilot, and benefits and costs will be documented, before we consider moving to the next phase.

We greatly appreciate your support in making this first stride toward a more efficient IT infrastructure model for North Carolina. We look forward to providing you information along the way as the project progresses and the business cases for IT consolidation are developed and reviewed with the Phase 1 agencies.

Jim Dolan of OSBM (919 807-4775) and Kathy Bromeard of the State CIO's Office (919 850-2817) will be doing much of the detailed work for this effort. Feel free to contact them or us if you have any questions.